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ANC 2A REQUESTS RESTRICTIONS ON TRUCK USE OF THE RESIDENTIAL PORTIONS OF K STREET N.W.

by Maria Tyler

In response to a petition signed by over 200 residents in the blocks adjoining K Street N.W. between 24th and 26th Streets, N.W., the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission unanimously adopted the following Resolution on April 5, 1983:

"WHEREAS the ANC-2A has adopted Resolution I-3 on September 1, 1981, expressing in general terms its recommendations with regard to the forthcoming reconstruction of the Whitehurst Freeway;

WHEREAS ANC-2A has also adopted Resolution K-11 on November 9, 1982 urging the D.C. Department of Transportation to adopt specific routing for trucks using the Whitehurst Freeway in the east-bound direction;

WHEREAS this ANC has since received 203 signatures from residents in the two blocks adjoining K Street, N.W. between 26th and 24th Streets, petitioning the ANC-2A to request that through trucks be prohibited from using the Whitehurst corridor system;

WHEREAS it has been reported to and it is acknowledged by ANC-2A that heavy duty trucks create noise and air pollution which is detrimental to the health of residents of ANC-2A residing in the above mentioned blocks adjoining K Street, N.W.;

WHEREAS it has also been reported to and is acknowledged by ANC-2A that such heavy duty trucks produce vibrations which are transmitted to and adversely affect and damage the structural soundness of the foundations and in-

terior and exterior walls of houses and apartment buildings of the residential area in the vicinity of K Street, N.W.;

BE IT RESOLVED that the ANC-2A (a) instructs its representative on the Whitehurst Freeway Corridor Steering Committee to make the desires of the petitioners clearly known to the Steering Committee; (b) urges the D.C. Department of Transportation to obtain relief by prohibiting trucks over 1¼ tons in weight from using the residential area of K Street, N.W. between 26th and 24th Street, N.W. subject to there being no adverse impact on other residential portions of ANC-2A west of 19th Street, N.W."

In letters forwarding the Resolution to Ms. Jenny Brake, ANC 2A representative on the Whitehurst Freeway Steering Committee, Ms. Lynn Robinson, Project Manager, D.C. Department of Transportation, Mr. Thomas Downs, Director of Public Works and Transportation, and Mr. Gary Groat, consultant for the redesigning of the Freeway (De Leuw, Cather Professional Corp.), Jeff Stamm, Chair, ANC 2A and myself provided further background to the petition and requested support for it.

Residents in the affected area have become increasingly concerned about the amount of heavy duty truck traffic on K Street and its damaging impact on residents and properties. The noise and air pollution adversely affect health.

For example, there are residents in this area who find themselves unable to open their windows because of very high noise level and the noxious (and carcinogenic) fumes emanating from the trucks.

Equally, the health and safety of residents who walk on this part of K Street and nearby is similarly adversely affected by these trucks. Moreover, the heavy trucks produce large vibrations which damage houses and apartment buildings. The vibrations are large enough to be felt by occupants and cracks in walls and plaster are common.

In discussing the contents of the Resolution, Commissioners expressed the opinion that heavy duty through trucks should be routed via commercial areas (e.g., via 14th Street bridge) into the city and not through residential parts of the city. It may be further noted that truck traffic is prohibited on the Roosevelt bridge. Our concern is that the residents' lungs and properties be given at least the same consideration as that which motivated the prohibition of truck traffic on the Roosevelt bridge.

Should you wish to add your name to the petition, please sign the following slip and deposit it at 949 25th Street, N.W., c/o Maria Tyler, Commissioner ANC 2A03, Chair, Transportation Committee. Any other views or evidence of the adverse impact of heavy truck traffic would also be gratefully received by ANC 2A and would strengthen our case. It is important that the authorities involved be fully aware of our concern in this matter.

PETITION

As property owner and/or resident of Foggy Bottom affected by the heavy traffic on the Whitehurst Freeway I petition the D.C. Department of Transportation that through trucks be prohibited from using the residential part of K Street N.W. between 24th and 26th Streets.

Date

Name

Signature

Address

MEETING

Foggy Bottom Association

Redesign of the Whitehurst Freeway

Tuesday, May 31, 1983

St. Paul's Parish House
2430 K Street, N.W.

8:00 PM

All Are Welcome

May's Guest Speakers Lynn Robinson and Gary Groat

For nearly a year, representatives of the D.C. Department of Transportation, architects from the firm of DeLeuw Cather and neighborhood groups have met to discuss the redesigning of the Whitehurst Freeway. At our November meeting, Ms. Lynn Robinson from D.O.T. and Gary Groat from DeLeuw Cather presented a project report and promised to return when the freeway options were nearing finalization. This month, Ms. Robinson and Mr. Groat will be present for a public discussion of the four remaining freeway options.

Since their last visit, the Association has taken a strong

position in favor of minimizing the adverse impact of commuter traffic on the Whitehurst Freeway. The Department of Transportation has responded favorably to many of our neighborhood concerns. One new concern which some citizens have focused upon has been the possibility of eliminating heavy truck traffic on the Whitehurst Freeway. The feasibility of this concern will also be a topic of discussion at our meeting. Please mark your calendars that we will be meeting on TUESDAY after Memorial Day, the 31st at 8:00 PM at St. Paul's Church.



Councilman John Wilson, Mary Healy and Mel Ogden at the Party to thank John for his good work in behalf of the neighborhood. See related story on page 4.

A Tribute to Barbara Watson

by Mary Brewster

As the FOGGY BOTTOM NEWS reported briefly in March, Miss Barbara M. Watson died of pneumonia on February 17, 1983.

Miss Watson, a long time resident of Foggy Bottom, was born in New York City and graduated from Barnard College and New York Law School. From 1964-1966 Miss Watson was the Executive Director of the New York City Commission to the United Nations, where she represented the Mayor of New York City in providing liaison services to the U.N. In 1966 she was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson as Deputy Administrator of the Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs. In 1968 she was appointed administrator with the rank of Assistant Secretary of State. From 1968-1980 she served under Presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford, and Carter as

Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs, except for two years when she engaged in private legal practice.

As the first woman and the first black to achieve the rank of Assistant Secretary of State, Miss Watson administered the world-wide operations of the Bureau of Consular Affairs. In 1974 she received the Luther I. Reploge Award for outstanding achievement in the management of foreign affairs. Miss Watson was appointed Ambassador to Malaysia in 1980; she retired in 1981. After her retirement she continued to serve as a consultant to the Department of State and in addition became counsel to the firm of Italo H. Ablondi, p.c., on matters of international trade as well as Senior Associate of Van Koberg & Associates, International Consultants. She was a member of the boards of Fordham University, Barnard

College, the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, the Georgetown Center for Strategic and International Studies, Radio Liberty/Radio Free Europe, and the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts.

Secretary of State George P. Schulz said in a statement that the Department had "been deeply saddened" by Miss Watson's death and characterized her as "a public servant of unusual dedication and distinction." Those of us who had the privilege of knowing her would only add that she was also a person of great charm, intelligence, and integrity with a deep capacity for friendship.

Miss Watson is survived by a sister, Grace E. Watson of Queen Anne's Lane in the Bottom, and by two brothers, Douglas C. Watson and Judge James Watson, both of New York.



NOMINATIONS UNDERWAY FOR JUNE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1983-84

A three-person committee, chaired by Lucille Duprat, former FBA Board member, and including former FBA President Bob Charles and outgoing Board Secretary Karen Latham has developed a list of candidates to run in the June election for the four offices and seven directorships of the FBA for the 1983-84 year.

Anyone wishing to be considered for nomination to any office should contact one of the committee members.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

The following neighborhood residents have thus far been nominated:

President: Rick Churchill (resident of "The President")

Vice President: Tom Miller ("Knightsbridge Court")

Secretary: Paul Altemus (Sherry Towers)

Lois Zucherman (2514 "K" Street)

Treasurer: Mel Ogden (24th Street)

BOARD:

Bob Alcorn ("The Swarthmore")

Ellie Becker ("I" Street)

Julia Bond (Colombia Plaza)

Mary Brewster (Queen Anns Lane)

Dan Haslam (2514 "K" Street)

Ann Lomas (25th Street)

Florence Ryan (Potomac Plaza)

Edward Schleifstein (Watergate)

Marjorie Wheatley (New Hampshire Ave.)

CRIMEWATCH

by Bob Alcorn

Recent news articles would have us believe that crime is decreasing in Washington. This is not exactly true. While large scale crime is on the downturn, the smaller scale crimes such as breaking and entering are still occurring right here in Foggy Bottom. After an absence of several months there has been a rebirth of crime that plagued us last Fall. It is prevalent in our multi-unit buildings, and apparently happens without regard to the type of building (i.e. condo, co-op, rental). The crime of which I speak is the Repairman Ruse. What has been happening is that people who are at home during the daytime have been receiving calls from the front door phones from persons claiming to be electricians,

plumbers, gas repairman, etc. They claim that there has been a problem reported in that apartment and ask to be let in in order to check on the problem. After being let in, they have robbed and in some cases beaten the person who opened the door for them. In all of the cases where victims have spoken to me about what exactly happened, they have all stated that they never stopped to think "Did I report a problem in my apartment that would need a repairperson?" Or "I didn't report a problem; I better call my resident manager to ensure that the repair person is legitimately in the building." None of the victims of this type of crime even asked to see some kind of identification before letting the repair person into the building. Of course, in a large building it

may be altogether impossible for a person to determine the legitimacy of a repair person's identification prior to letting the person into the building. However, in smaller buildings it would not be so difficult.

Please be more cautious about letting people into your buildings. You are not only putting yourself in jeopardy but you are also jeopardizing the safety of all of the other residents of your building. Once a thief has gained access, he or she can act or attack at will.

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ANC NOTES

ANC-2A regular meeting held 3 May 1983 at Columbia Hospital.

Treasurer's Report: The quarterly report to the D.C. Auditor for the period ending 31 March 1983 was approved. The current balance is \$7352.34.

Zoning: BZA #13926 (2112 F Street, N.W.): Commissioner Stamm reported that applicant's attorney had notified him that the application is being withdrawn because the developer is not ready to proceed with a project on this vacant lot. Therefore, the public hearing scheduled for 25 May will be cancelled.

BZA #13966 (GWU support building): In response to resident questions, University representative Bob Dickman briefly summarized the major elements of the proposed support building for the 2000 block of F Street. Commissioner Levy commented on Zoning Committee actions regarding the project, and stated that he would meet with University representatives on 9 May to see if a compromise that would satisfy both community and University needs could be attained. At the same time, he recommended that the ANC broaden its study of the University's proposal by authorizing preparation of one or more alternative developments; seek a delay in the BZA hearing currently scheduled for 25 May; and begin to solicit community contributions to assist. This was approved unanimously. Commissioner Stamm tentatively scheduled a special ANC meeting for May 16 at St. Mary's Court with the express point of developing our position in case the request for a delay in the BZA hearing is denied. Commissioner Molinelli then moved that the ANC increase its previously-authorized funding for the study to a total of \$3000, and this was also approved after brief discussion of the ANC's current cash position and expected payments.

BZA #13959 (600 23rd Street, N.W.): Resident Don Kreuzer sought ANC support for his application to create a small off-street parking space on his property adjacent to his house. The ANC voted to support the application subject to various safety conditions and screening for neighboring property owners.

Environmental: Spring clean-up: Commissioner Molinelli urged all residents to prepare for the annual spring clean-up, which will be held the week of 13 June in Ward 2, and he distributed flyers describing actions to take and telephone numbers to call throughout the year to report such things as abandoned vehicles, vacant lots, clogged sewer catch basins, etc.

Housing and Neighborhood Development: ABC license application #11096 (2555 M Street, N.W.): Tom Miller reported on his investigation of the application for a restaurant in 1940s style to be called the Limelight. It does not appear to be another attempt to establish a sexually-oriented business in the neighborhood. Commissioner Stamm recommended that the ANC file a statement of non-objection with the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, but take the opportunity to reiterate the neighborhood's concern about and strong objection to the location of sexually-oriented establishments in the West End. The ANC adopted this position, and appointed Tom Miller to represent the ANC at the public hearing on 11 May.

Comprehensive Plan: Commissioner Rosenbaum briefly discussed the draft land-use map, which the neighborhood will want to change extensively. Working copies will be provided to all Commissioners for further study. Commissioner Tyler reported on the meetings of the Mayor's Community Steering Committee for the Comprehensive Plan, on which she serves as a Ward 2 representative. She and others have strongly called for more residential uses, particularly in the downtown area, and she recommended that the ANC adopt such a position to supplement the comments it adopted at its April meeting; this was approved unanimously. The steering committee's schedule calls for public hearings on the evenings of 24 and 25 May at the District Building, and the committee must forward its comments and recommendations to the mayor by 18 June.

Transportation: Alley closings on Square 36 (23rd-24th and M-N Streets, N.W.): Michael Vardell and attorney John Kronstadt, representing Boston Properties, sought ANC support for several alley closings on Square 36 in connection with their plans for a 234-room hotel on the 24th Street side. Only small stubs of alley would be physically closed, while the east-west through alley would be widened to 20' to match the alley on Square 24 to the west. Commissioners Rosenbaum and Tyler opposed the alley closing because the developer does not plan to construct any residential housing on the square, and they saw nothing positive for the neighborhood in yet another hotel. Other Commissioners stated they had been impressed by the developer's master plan, which was presented last year and included two sections of residential housing on adjacent squares, and they believed this particular developer had dealt in good faith with the neighborhood to date, although

they acknowledged that there was no legal guarantee that would compel the developer to complete the planned residential housing. Area property owner Phil Brown stated he believed the present proposal was much better than what had been proposed by other developers on Square 24, which he had vehemently opposed. A resolution supporting the alley closings, with several technical conditions, was approved, with Commissioners Rosenbaum and Tyler dissenting.

Whitehurst Freeway: Jenny Brake reviewed the work of the task force and the status of the alternative plans under active consideration, with particular attention to the pedestrian and landscaping features of each. She also requested additional guidance on the ANC's resolution from the April meeting that asked her to bring the community's concern with heavy truck through traffic to the task force's attention. She pointed out that the task force's recommendations, even if accepted, would not be implemented for several years, and that it would be most effective for the ANC to seek relief directly from the D.C. Department of Transportation. After discussion, it was agreed in principle that the issue should be pursued on all fronts, and that the ANC would consider the nature and extent of a resolution for D.C. DOT at its next meeting.

Bus Ban: Commissioner Tyler reviewed the financial status, and stated that a debt of approximately \$1100 was still outstanding. Since a portion of the proceeds from the Foggy Bottom Spring Fling on 21 May are assigned for the bus ban, and additional private contributions are being sought, a clearer financial picture will emerge by the time of the June meeting. Commissioner Tyler will review the financing then.

Next meeting: 7 June, at St. Mary's Court, at 7:30 PM.

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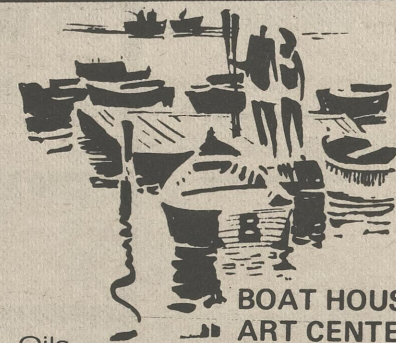
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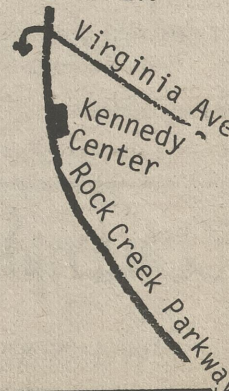
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COUNCILMAN JOHN A. WILSON'S DAY IN FOGGY BOTTOM

By: Mary E. Healy



April 15—Tax Day, D.C. Voting Rights Demonstration Day, and Councilman JOHN A. WILSON'S THANK YOU DAY (from Foggy Bottom friends to John). And, wouldn't you know, it rained on all our parades!! Rain, rain and more rain. During the day a large crowd filled the East-Capitol steps pressing for DC Voting Rights. During the evening an equally large and enthusiastic crowd filled the Teresa Adkins Conference Room at Columbia Hospital for Women—all wanting to say Thank You to John for the innumerable benefits he has procured and/or secured for Foggy Bottom.

The brilliant idea to have a THANK YOU RECEPTION for John came from Mel Ogden. In mid-March he called me and asked if I thought our Foggy Bottom residents would be receptive to such an idea, and, if so, would I help put on the reception. Mel always has good ideas but this was a top-drawer idea. Not only did I support it, as I knew you would, but I leaped at the chance to help before Mel could ask someone else!!

Before we turned around 140 Foggy Bottomites had re-

served. And would you believe it, with normal reasons for no shows at all big affairs (sickness, death, travel, etc.) plus the really torrential downpour of rain all day long, 132 of John's Foggy Bottom Friends showed up—dripping wet—but show up they did. The came from every part of Foggy Bottom and some very active Bottomites who have moved away came back—like Marthlu Bledsoe and Hal Davitt and Anne and John Loikow. And our faithful long-time ago "cop on our beat" Lt. Al Herbert came too, bringing his lovely wife Jackie to meet "his other fam-

ily." Al voiced the feelings of a great many of us: "I'll always be a part of this community."

It was a reception long to be remembered; up-beat all the way. It provided a chance for us to talk with John, a chance to make new friends, a chance for long-time community friends to meet and talk (with no axes to grind, everybody on the same side of the issue). We only had one issue and that was to thank John for 7 years of dedicated hard work on our behalf and to say thank you to his fine staff, all of whom were there—Brigid and Eric, Cindy and Cynthia, Jackie and Lucy—all basking in the warm glow of appreciation extended to their boss.

The highlight of the evening was a presentation of a RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND THANK JOHN A. WILSON for the major benefits he has brought to Foggy Bottom. John, in his usual manner, underplayed his role, thanking us for our active community participation, his staff for their efforts, energy and dedication and his lovely and talented wife, Bonnie, for her active support and understanding. To paraphrase John's comments: "I need lots of love, attention and support to keep going in this effort; I get it from all of you; I should be thanking you, not you thanking me."

John's final comment was that he would never forget April 15, 1983. I think that it will be a long time before we forget the warmth and friend-

liness of that evening. A long time before we forget the generosity, friendship and interest in our community by all who participated in the effort.

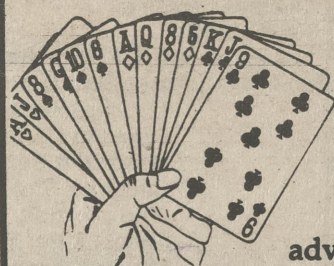
We can rightly be very proud of the active participation of Columbia Hospital for Women in providing the beautiful reception rooms, for purchasing, preparing, presenting and serving the "most bountiful and beautiful table" that I have seen in a long long time. Nor shall we forget Rip Packman, Watergate Liquors, for providing 3 full open bars, which never ran out for the entire reception!!

From there we go to many others who contributed time, effort, funds, artistic talents and enthusiastic support. Like Dirck Holscher (Circle

Graphics) and Dale & Cliff (Watergate Foto-Framing) for their beautiful handling of the Resolution; Guest Quarters with their usual good neighbor policy provided the beautiful floral table arrangements (with Sandy Vonetes' help) and Sandy gussied up Bonnie and John with a corsage and boutonniere. Jackie Cooper, who has moved from Foggy Bottom but by no means is gone from the Bottom, provided us with a distinctive piece of her humorous art. Jean and Bill Wiggins of the Potomac Plaza pumped up balloons for hours and hours and Ginny Sachs of CHW climbed the ladder to hand them, sore toe and all (she was the youngest and most slender of our decor group).



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Joe Lund, soon to be a new member of our FB community (Watergate East), furnished the Wilson cartoons and they were just great! In case you missed seeing them John has them hanging in his office. And Ginny and Bob Graham of the Potomac Plaza came up with that creative and imaginative header for the Cartoon Board. "Mama" Healy discovered a picture album under my bed and donated it to the cause to house the hundreds of pictures we took at the party. Debbie Cahill-Zelinka, Rick Churchill and I are going to go

into the reception picture taking business.

Distinctive Bookbinding helped us with the goldleaf engraving on the picture album. Cay Neff, recently returned to Watergate Pastry, provided the blue ribbon curls for the balloons (we're so glad that she is back with us). Many cash donations from residents who couldn't attend, and from some who did, helped us come out close to even on our budget.

You might like to know that our reception revenue was \$1260.00 for 140 paid attend-

ees and \$201.00 donations for a total of \$1461.00. We expended for hard core services and donated \$82.00 to Columbia Hospital for Women to make our meat and potatoes come out even. Remember the TV Ad—"Gregory, is your fish all gone?" Well, our fish is all gone; no more bills accepted.

To all those who helped with the reception and host duties you really made a difference; everything went so smoothly. And Mel and I will be forever grateful to Al Cottrell for his many Go-For chores. Without Al's help in picking up this and going-to-get that we would have been lost.

For those of you who couldn't attend the reception, and who did not receive a copy of the Resolution to Honor John, we are reproducing the Resolution here so you can see why there was such an enthusiastic support for this THANK YOU RECEPTION FOR OUR OUTSTANDING COUNCILMAN, JOHN A. WILSON. Thank you again, John. And, keep up the good work; no slippage allowed; we're a hard hitting, tough-minded, self-protecting group. Ha!!!!

RESOLUTION NO. 1
April 13, 1983
Date Adopted

RESOLUTION
of the
Foggy Bottom Friends
of
JOHN A. WILSON

TITLE: RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND THANK JOHN A. WILSON

Let Us Forget. Nor Long Remember—We, Foggy Bottom Friends of JOHN A. WILSON, hereby, today, extend to John a most heartfelt and sincere THANK YOU for all his efforts on behalf of Foggy Bottom and its residents. A complete listing of John's accomplishments would reach from Foggy Bottom to Southwest; therefore, only a representative few are highlighted below. As the District of Columbia Councilman for Ward 2 for the past 7 years John has successfully concluded the following:

PREVENTED A COMPLETE LOSS of the residential character of Foggy Bottom to high rise office buildings, apartments, hotels and other large structures. His continued interest and commitment have allowed time for reasonable people to reason over the future of Foggy Bottom; and

BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT of the successful movement to pass Zoning Regulations outlawing hotels in residential zones, introduced legislation which prohibited conversion of rental housing to condominiums and cooperatives; plus assured the mandate that a majority of tenants must approve the conversion; responsible for providing legislation which, when conversions were proposed, ensured tenants the first right to purchase their building; protected the elderly (those over 62 with incomes of \$30,000 or less annually) from eviction due to condominium or cooperative conversion; and

SUCCESSFULLY PROMOTED the benefit of the lowest property tax rate and the homestead exemption to Cooperative Housing; successfully blocked the Administration's efforts to impose a Transfer Tax on sale of Cooperative Housing; ensured Condominiums and Cooperative homeowners with garage and/or parking spaces benefit of the lowest property tax rates on these spaces; introduced and assured passage of Income Tax Conformity legislation allowing District of Columbia residents advantage of tax benefits offered by: Dividend exclusion, Keough Plans, IRA's and TIAA or CREF Contributions; responsible for eliminating the sales tax on food, prescription drugs and dry cleaning, and for removal of the sales tax from the Senior Citizen Feeding Program (Meals on Wheels); ensured access to small landlord exemption for Cooperative Housing owners; and

INTRODUCED AND ASSURED passage of the City's Historical Preservation Law, the Consumer Protection Law, and the Gun Control Law—all the strongest in the Nation; and

KEPT FIRE ENGINE COMPANY #23 (serving Foggy Bottom/West End) in service through persistent efforts with the Administration; similarly prohibited shortening hours of the West End Library; successfully promoted the Bus Ban on streets around the River Inn area of Foggy Bottom; ensured provision of Mini Bus Service from Foggy Bottom to Georgetown during rush hours; and

SUCCESSFULLY WORKED WITH George Washington University and the Community to conclude a workable compromise on the University's first Bond Issue to build an Academic Cluster, ensuring protection for 10 years for tenant homes in the Schenly and West End Apartments should GWU decide to purchase these apartments; and

ACTIVELY SUPPORTED METRO-RAIL service to Foggy Bottom and ensured a community-acceptable station; also ensured, through extensive work with George Washington University, that the Eye Street Mall, adjacent to the Metro-Rail Station and University facilities, would be developed as an attractive area available for use of the entire Community; established the policy that GWU could not transfer floor ratio area from the Mall area to another campus area to increase height and bulk of any of the University buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Resolution may be cited as the "RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND THANK JOHN A. WILSON." Friends of John A. Wilson acknowledge his dedication and commitment to Foggy Bottom and express their appreciation for the accomplishments cited above and many others too numerous to mention.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

We hereby Certify that this Resolution is true and adopted as stated therein.

Mary E. Healy and Melvin Ogden, Agents for
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Legal Ease

by Dan Haslam, Esq.

Question: I have received a letter from a collection agency over a bill which I have hotly disputed for some time. The letter suggests that if I do not pay the amount due, the account will be turned over to the attorney for the company with whom I am having the dispute, and that attorney's fees and interest may be assessed against me. Can this be done?

Answer: It can be if you agreed to these terms at the outset of your dealings with the company. You do not say what kind of contract this is, or the nature of the dispute. Different laws may apply in each instance, so more information would have to be available before a conclusive answer to your question can be given. But I'll review a few of the D.C. laws with respect to attorney's fees and interest.

If your dispute involves a consumer credit sale (goods sold to you as a consumer as opposed to a business on credit) or on a direct installment loans, the creditor may collect reasonable attorney's fees of up to 15% of your unpaid debt. But you must have agreed to this at the time the contract for purchase or loan was signed! In this instance, you must go back to the paperwork on the transaction and read the fine print. Did you in fact agree to these terms? If you did, and the dispute is resolved in court, you may end up paying for a lawyer to represent you and for their lawyer, as well! There is, of course, the 15% limit as to what you may be liable for if you fall within these circumstances.

Interest is somewhat similar. Since March 1982 federally insured lending institutions have been able to charge 21% in D.C. on consumer credit sales transactions and direct installment loans. You may already be paying this

kind of interest on the remaining contract price. The interest which the collection agency may have been referring to is interest on a judgment which may be rendered against you in court. Normally this interest does not begin to run until the judgment has been given, and it would only apply against you if you lost the case.

There is a bright spot for tenants in the attorney's fees—interest area—this past January the Rental Housing Commission ruled that interest payable on overcharges is no longer to be computed from the date of a judgment or an order by the Rent Administrator (judge). Rather, interest runs from the date of the acceptance of the overcharge. Thus, if you have overpaid your rent, you can collect interest (in a rent-controlled situation) from the date you paid the excess. The rate is only 5.25%, but every little bit helps.

NOTE: Final briefs in the bus ban case were submitted on March 11, and a recommendation by the hearing examiner is expected in the next few months. So many in the community have given their time, money, and sweat and toil toward advancing this case, and many have been acknowledged in the News already. I would like to extend a personal note of thanks to *Lila Roper*, who not only transcribed a great deal of the hearing tapes, but also typed all the briefs submitted to the hearing examiner. All of us are in her debt for a bus-free residential neighborhood!

Dan Haslam is an attorney who lives in Foggy Bottom. Questions can be posed to him in writing by leaving them at the West End Library addressed to him. Please be as specific as possible when writing. All views expressed are his own.

PRIMAL SCREEN THERAPY

by Karen Jaehne Latham

May offers some widely diverse fare for your therapy. Depending on your neurosis, some of these films may be countertherapeutic. If you don't know what your problem is, see them all and find out which one makes you feel best... or worst.

If you've read about the Gulag and wondered what ever happened to Siberia, *Siberiade* will answer that. It tells all you ever wanted to know about Siberia and then some, but in so doing, weaves an extraordinary tale of 60 years in a village so remote that, at one point, one of the characters asks, "Didn't you realize you could never be sent further than Siberia?" Directed by Andrej Mikhalkov-Konchalovsky, with bravura and sensitivity for the beautiful scenery, it is a story of progress in a back-water of the Soviet Union and shows the people being frog-walked into a Communism they neither know nor trust. Often reminiscent of *Giant*, it shows the hunger and search for oil—and its cost. (MacArthur)

If you are a talk-show devotee, or a Jerry Lewis nut, or a Scorsese/de Niro fan, or still dissatisfied with the Hinkley phenomenon, *King of Comedy* may amuse you. I did not say "make you laugh." It is not a ha-ha movie, but a zippy, bizarre portrait of somebody who so badly wants to host a comedy/talk show on TV, that he kidnaps the Johnny Carson-style rap-artist and tapes him to a chair, thus silencing him, in order to make a single and devastatingly bad appearance on his talk show. But then blackmail never was the best way to break into comedy... The final sequence is Director Martin Scorsese's comment on the world as we know it: the criminal writes a best seller about why and how he took the talk show "by storm" and will, of course,

wind up as a guest, promoting his book—and perhaps more such antics, says Johnny, who had Scorsese on his own show not long ago and spent precious network minutes simply staring in disbelief that Scorsese could commit such a story to celluloid. But Scorsese has always been interested in the misfits looking for a sensational way to crash through; remember *Taxi Driver* and *Mean Streets* and *Raging Bull*? *King* is way out front in being schizoid and yet entertaining, non-violent in its most outrageous and inhumane treatment. And Jerry Lewis appears to be a normal, aging and dignified human being. Thought it wasn't possible, huh? (Compare notes on this one with your shrink.)

Baby It's You is exactly what it sounds like—especially if you graduated from high school in 1966, subsequently enjoyed hippiedom for a brief span, and were once in love with a sexy greaser before you realized you couldn't live without a lawyer. Baby, it's you... said film is about a teenage girl's wrenching last year of school, ambitions to be an actress, love spats with a dude eminently unsuitable (he likes Frank Sinatra) for her, and rise to writhing idiosyncrasy at Sarah Lawrence. The soundtrack evokes enough memories to make you nostalgic and the images seem slightly voyeuristic (cinematography of New Jersey by German director Fassbinder's former cam-

eraman) without offering anything offensive or adult, in any sense of the way that word can be used about movies.

My pick of the month—for reasons I'm still unsure of—is *Tender Mercies* starring Robert Duvall and Tess Harper as quintessential Texans, four miles from the nearest town. The story of a country and western singer who hits bottom and rises again, like a C&W phoenix, it has more cliches than you can shake a stick at. And yet, nothing seems to be more or less than what is presented to us on the screen. The meaning of life and the utter lack of justice in the world without God's "tender mercies" are made very simple. Director Bruce Beresford (the Australian director of *Breaker Morant*) gently portrays down-home Americana without condescension to show that the salt of the earth also suffers. The major hurdle in such a grandly simple film is not the vast, spacious skies of Texas; not God's tender mercies; not the matter-of-fact way these characters deal with love, life and death; but the strained metaphors of C&W songs. As if all the passion or potential imagination of that part of the country was invested and re-invested in C&W, these songs seem to be a constant parody of themselves: "If you'll just hold the ladder, baby, I'll climb to the top." But it is the first film in a long time with a G rating that adults will understand. Go to it.

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The Kennedy Center's summer chamber music festival, SUMMER SOUNDS 1983, will present the ST. PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, Pinchas Zukerman, Music Director, June 10-12, and Lincoln Center's MOSTLY MOZART FESTIVAL, Gerard Schwarz, Music Advisor, July 5-7. All concerts will be in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall.

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Summer Art Classes to be Offered at St. Mary's Court

By William Matthews

A four week series of art classes will be offered this summer at St. Mary's Court by Carol Tefft Radin, a well known local artist and teacher.

The classes will be in acrylic/oil painting and drawing. The drawing classes will use methods described in Betty Edwards' book, *Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain*, and other innovative techniques. Both painting and drawing classes will be open to anyone over 15 and it is hoped the classes will be intergenerational.

The classes will be offered during the last two weeks in June and the first two weeks in July. Drawing classes will be held four mornings a week for the four weeks and the painting classes four afternoons a week for the four weeks.

Ms. Radin is presently teaching art at Georgetown Day School. She is also the art teacher in the Multi-Arts Program at St. Mary's Court which was established through her efforts. She studied painting with Jack Perlmutter; design, composition and drawing with Jennie Lee Knight; and

watercolor with Sally Osborne. Carol has enjoyed many years of teaching art with both adults and children and has exhibited at the Art League, the Society of Washington Artists' Annual Show and the Corcoran Area Show.

Further information may be obtained by calling Carol at 338-0607.

Prompt Action By D.C. Department of Transportation

by Maria Tyler

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LIBRARY NEWS!

by Bob Alcorn

The "Friends of the West End Library" group has received a special citation of merit for its services to the library and to the community from Dr. Hardy Franklin, the director of the District of Columbia Public Library. We are very pleased with it and once it is framed will ask Mr. Horrell of the Branch if indeed he will hang it for all to see and enjoy.

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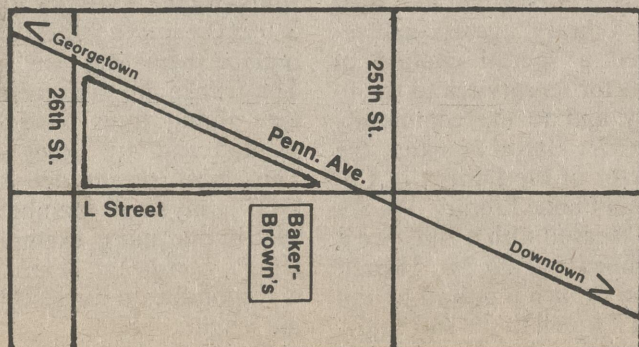
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In April 1982, MONEY magazine featured her as one of seven outstanding financial planners in the country. The Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Washington Post, Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report have quoted Ms. Armstrong extensively.

We congratulate her and wish her well in her new venture.

Errata

Harriet Zoltrow's article on no-fault auto insurance which was published in a previous issue of the FBN was a bit premature. Although the D.C. City Council did postpone the bill's enactment until October 1, 1983, and although Harriet did inform us of that postponement, the FBN had already gone to press and we were therefore unable to remove that article from that issue.

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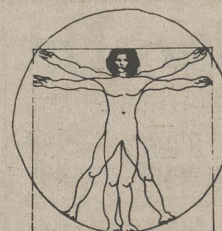
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